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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am dismayed by the situation with broadband in America today -- it is truly embarrassing. Much of the rest of the world has faster, cheaper connections. Why do we lag so?

Competition is supposed to make this all better, but in hog-tying my chosen provider you are eliminating competition and trying to stick me with the 2 providers left for San Francisco (1) comcast -- or whatever name it's trying to hide behind now -- and (2) AT&T . As a native Philadelphian I've got to hate comcast for decades and was dismayed when it found its way to California. AT&T just sucks -- I tried them for a couple of years and hated them. My chosen provider, Sonic, has been excellent and has treated me well in all the years I've used them. Why are you messing with their mission now?

I work 50 miles away from my home, and rely on my connection to work from home a few days a week and avoid the Bay Area traffic. This is essential to my well-being and sanity. I am very connected with my community and support local businesses at every opportunity. I try to make my money work for the people that I care about. I don't want to ship my money to a distant place to land in some folks pocket who have no reason to care about my neighbor's best interest.

Stop blocking the competition. Think about it -- why are the big guys so afraid of these little guys? Is this what made America great? Teddy Roosevelt didn't think so.

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